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Construction of Roads to Access to Tourist Destinations
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide better connectivity in terms of transportation to various tourist destinations in the country and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government has provided any grant for construction of roads to facilitate access to the important tourist sites and if so, the details thereof;
(c) the funds allocated by the Government in this regard;
(d) whether the Ministry has held any discussion with other ministries like Railways, Civil Aviation and Road Transport and Highways for providing better transport facilities to the foreign tourists; and
(e) if so, the details thereof and the sites identified so far, State-wise including Aurangabad district in Maharashtra?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Tourism under scheme guidelines 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'PRASAD' has taken up improvement of road connectivity leading to tourist sites/destinations.

The details of amount sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism to the State Governments and UT Administrations towards improvement of road connectivity leading to tourist sites/destination during 2014-2015, 2015-2016 under Swadesh Darshan and PRASAD Schemes is at Annexure- I & II respectively.

(d) and (e): Discussions with Central Ministries like Railways, Civil Aviation and Road Transport for improvement of connectivity and providing better transport facilities to tourist sites is a continuous process. The Ministry of Tourism has taken up this issue specifically in the Inter-Ministerial Coordination Committee for Tourism Sector (IMCCTS) on 05.10.2015.

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has taken up review of National Highways network with a view to improve the connectivity, inter-alia, to various tourist places in consultation with the State Governments.

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